

PIG CLASSES

General Regulation 5 (b) will be strictly adhered to in the Pig Classes.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO PIG CLASSES

The attention of all Exhibitors is drawn to the General Regulations and

Conditions of Entry on pages 8 to 11.

60. MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM AN EXHIBITION OR SHOW

- (a) Owners wishing to exhibit Pigs at Shows must submit their declaration and application for a Schedule 4 Licence to the Local Authority. The Licence covers movement to and from a Show and on return the show pig(s) must be segregated (i.e. kept apart) from the remainder of the herd for 21 days. The return of a pig from a Show does not trigger off the 21-day rule. Owners may, if they are exhibiting pigs at a number of successive Shows and moving them direct from one Show to another and eventually returning them home, apply to the Local Authority for a Licence to cover all the Shows which would be specified on the licence.
- (b) If the owner wishes to exhibit a pig which has returned from a previous Show and which is in segregation, he must complete and submit a fresh declaration indicating that his pig herd still complies with the 21-day rule before the Local Authority will issue a further Licence. On return from the subsequent Show a fresh 21-day segregation period commences.
- (c) Owners may sell show pigs which are in segregation provided they can complete the declaration and obtain a Licence from their Local Authority. Such pigs should be moved on a Schedule 3 Licence and would trigger off the 21 days at the new premises.
- (d) If a special Show and Sale of pigs is being held owners can apply to Local Authorities with their declarations for Schedule 4 Licences to move their pigs to the Show. If the pigs are unsold they can be returned home on the same Licence. Pigs sold should be licensed out by the Local Authority Officers using a Schedule 3 Licence. At the major Shows Local Authority Officers may not be present to issue Licences. However if Ministry Department staff are on duty at such Shows they should be prepared to issue Schedule 3 Licences and distribute copies as appropriate.
- (e) Commercial Pigs must come to the show with metal ear tags or slap marks as stated in the DEFRA Ruling.

- 61.** Every pig entered for competition must be registered in a published volume, or accepted for entry in a forthcoming volume of the B.P.A. Herd Book. Where an animal is entered as accepted for entry in the Herd Book, proof of such acceptance and the exact date of birth must be furnished to the Secretary. (It is not sufficient for an animal to be 'eligible for registration'). Animals registered in a Grading Register of a Herd Book are not eligible for entry in Agricultural Show Classes. The following particulars of all pigs entered must be given on the Entry Form: Ear Number, Registered Name and Herd Book Number or Volume in which the animal is entered. Fecundity figures, Breed, Date of Birth, Name and Herd Book Numbers of Sire and Dam and Name of Breeder.

62. BREED CONDITIONS

Female pigs (all breeds) born before 1st January 2009 shall be eligible to compete only if in the six calendar months prior to the Show or on or after 1st January 2010, they have farrowed, suckled and reared to three weeks of age, a litter of pigs.

Landrace: All entries must be from a litter of seven or more reared in the case of a gilt, or from a litter of eight or more reared in the case of a sow.

Landrace and Large White: Female pigs born on or after 1st January 2009 and before 1st July, 2009, shall have farrowed and suckled a litter of pigs prior to the Show. Females born on or after 1 January 2009 and before 1 July 2009 shall either (i) have farrowed and suckled a litter of pigs prior to the Show or (ii) produced a live litter within twelve weeks of the first day of the Show. Boars of two years of age and over (all breeds) are to be certified as having sired at least three live litters within the twelve months preceding the closing date of entries (1st April 2010).

The pigs comprising such litters are to have been notified for registration in the B.P.A. Herd Book or proof of their birth must have been given to the Association.

Boars aged twelve months or more at the time of exhibition must have their tusks cut before being sent to the Show. All boars must be shown by two competent adult handlers equipped with boards.

- 63.** The use of artificial colouring, whitening and/or powder on pigs, as well as the removal or addition of spots by artificial means is prohibited. (White woodflour is permitted).

- 64.** Herd promotional material may only be exhibited adjacent to livestock by each exhibitor in a manner which does not constitute a trade stand and does not exceed the length of a pen (i.e. 6 feet).

Please note that January born onwards pigs will be penned together.

Mobile phones must be switched off whilst judging is in progress.